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DOP is excited to partner with the City of Orlando, the Downtown Development Board and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer for this event. We are rich in history and this last year has shown us the importance of collaboration. Our city's growth and resilience would not be possible without our community members and its incredible leaders who consistently demonstrate that we are stronger together.

As we reflect on the past 60 years and look ahead, it's hard not to be excited for the future!

**Jill Vaughan**  
**Executive Director**  
**Downtown Orlando Partnership**

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# STATE OF DOWNTOWN

ABOUT

Downtown Orlando's place among the few is forged by strong leadership, amplified by strategic investments and ignited by game-changing public/private partnerships. The mission of the Downtown Development Board (DDB) is to strengthen the role of downtown Orlando as the economic, governmental, and cultural center of Central Florida. And this year, the DDB celebrates its 50th anniversary. That's 50 years of joyful memories while creating opportunities for growth, collaboration and a place that is uniquely its own!

Downtown Orlando, or DTO, is a premiere destination featuring a wide array of amenities, including the best in sports and entertainment. With many experiences to choose from, including cultural events, museums, a multitude of nightlife options, and award-winning Main Street Districts, downtown offers something for residents and visitors alike. And while we adapt to changes resulting from COVID-19, we continue to grow with exciting new developments and experiences that keep people coming back, safely, to discover just what DTO has to offer.

On behalf of Board Chair Jamie Barati and the entire DDB Board and team, please allow me to express our sincere appreciation to the Downtown Orlando Partnership (DOP) and our beloved DTO Nation for your unwavering support as we continue pursuing Mayor Buddy Dyer's directive to chart the course to the highest quality urban environment in the nation, right here in Downtown Orlando (DTO)!

Wishing you and yours a safe and joyful holiday season!

Most Sincerely,

**Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr.**

**Executive Director**

**Downtown Development Board + Community Redevelopment Agency**



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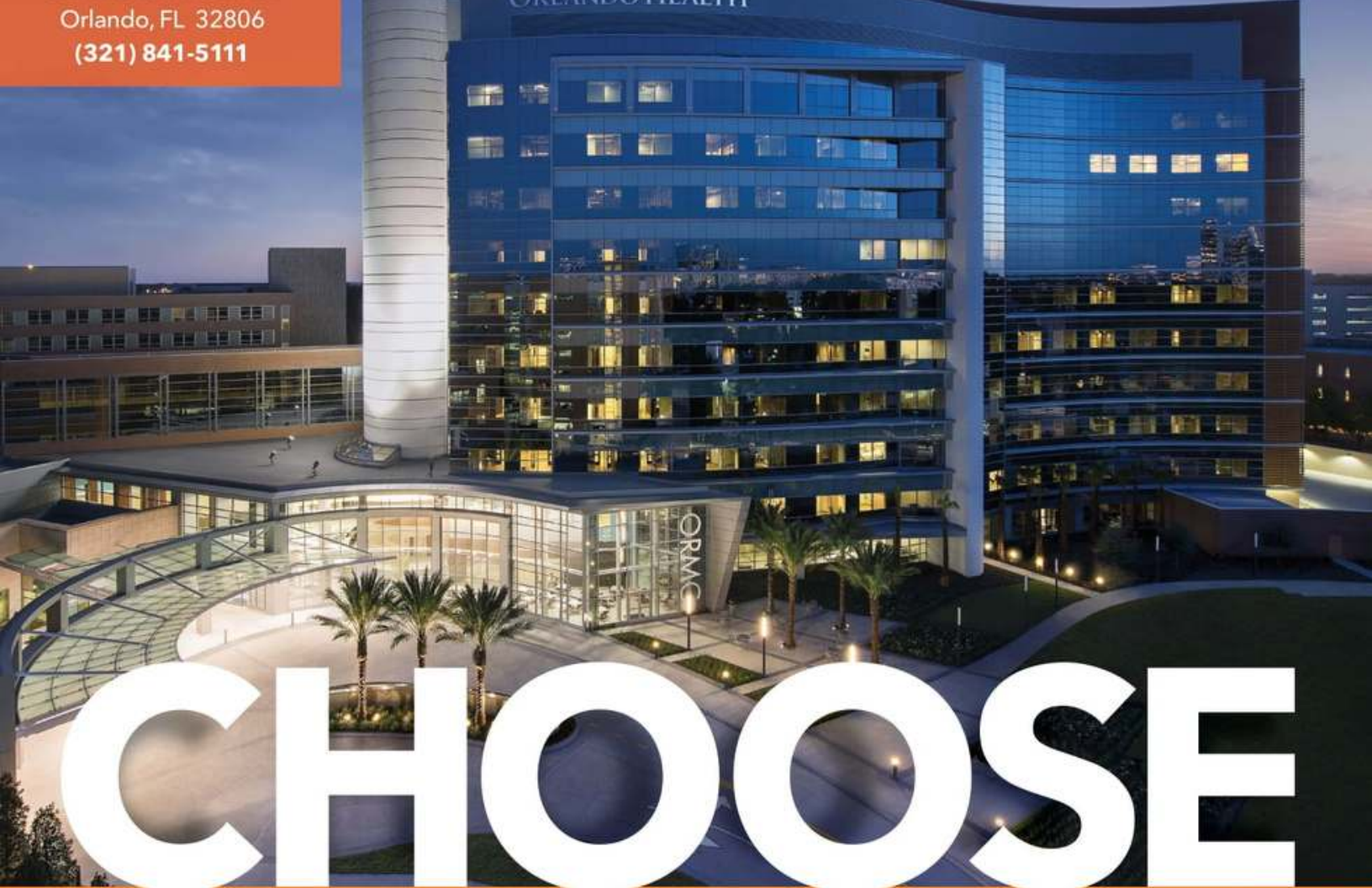


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See how UCF Downtown is working with downtown Orlando nonprofits, government agencies and businesses to address our community's most pressing problems.

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# OUR STORY

## SINCE 1961

The Downtown Orlando Partnership (DOP) is a 501(c)(6) organization founded in 1961 and is the only organization that focuses specifically on Downtown Orlando's business community. The DOP offers more than 200 corporate members a single point of access to connect, collaborate, and contribute to the growth of this vital hub of business. Members represent the diversity of size and scope that makes Downtown Orlando a vibrant beacon of development in Central Florida.

**DOP unites common interest.**

DOP is where business leaders and influencers build relationships that shape the future.

**DOP powers partnerships.** DOP helps create and support connections between companies, government, and professionals.

**DOP extends influence.** DOP membership adds your vision and voice to Downtown Orlando's business community through purpose driven events, strategic programming, and member communications.

**MISSION**

The mission of the Downtown Orlando Partnership is to enhance business and community relationships through collaborative events and initiatives.

**VISION**

Downtown Orlando is an active community recognized as the premier destination of choice for business, community and culture.



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to sixty years.**

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